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SUBJECT: ISRAEL: CLUSTER MUNITIONS LETTER EXCHANGE

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¶1. (S) Post received December 10 a letter from the Israeli Minister of Defense Ehud Barak responding to reftel proposed letter on cluster munitions. The GOI reply (para 2) matches the proposed GOI response in reftel. Per reftel, post will send scanned copies of both letters via electronic mail to PM/PSAT (John Schwenk), L/PM (Michael Coffee), L/T (Daphne Cook), and NEA/IPA (Jonathan Peccia), as well as send certified copies of both letters to L/T.

¶2. (S) Begin text:

Tel Aviv, December 10, 2008

The Honorable James B. Cunningham
Ambassador of the United States of America
U.S. Embassy, Tel Aviv

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to your letter of December 8, 2008.

I am authorized to confirm on behalf of the Government of Israel that it intends to comply with obligations pursuant to the 1979 and 1988 agreements as identified in the attachment to your above mentioned letter. Your Excellency's letter, together with this reply, reflects the shared understanding between the Government of Israel and the Government of the United States of America.

Accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,
//signed//
Ehud Barak
Minister of Defense

End text.

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